



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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January 19, 2011

Richard Jurgens, Treasurer  
Illinois Beef Association Political Education  
Committee  
2060 W. Iles Ave., Suite B  
Springfield, IL 62704

**Response Due Date:**  
**February 23, 2011**

Identification Number: C00276618

Reference: July Quarterly Report (4/1/10-6/30/10)

Dear Treasurer:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. **Failure to adequately respond by the response date noted above could result in an audit or enforcement action.** Additional information is needed for the following 1 item:

1. Schedule H4 supporting Line 21(a) (see attached) discloses \$8,848.58 in disbursements to the "Illinois Beef Association Political Education Committee" for "IL General Assembly reception," "Postage," and "IL Lobbyist Registration." You are advised that 11 CFR §102.5 prohibits a non-federal account from financing activity in connection with federal elections. Please provide clarifying information regarding these transactions including the date(s) when the original activity was conducted by the non-federal account. In addition, if any of these disbursements were made to influence the election or defeat of specific federal candidates, the disbursements should be allocated accordingly and disclosed as either in-kind contributions on Schedule B supporting Line 23, or as independent expenditures on Schedule E supporting Line 24. 11 CFR §§104.3(b)(3) and 106.1

Although the Commission may initiate legal action regarding the activities conducted by your non-federal account, any clarifying information that you can provide will be taken into consideration.

- Your report disclosed a category of financial activity that has been reflected on the wrong line of the Detailed Summary Page. Other

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Disbursements (contributions to Non-Federal Candidates) should be properly disclosed on a separate Schedule B, supporting Line 29 of the Detailed Summary Page. Please refer to the instructions for each line when determining the proper categorization(s) for your next filing.

- Schedule H4 of your report discloses activity which is 100% non-federal. For future reporting, please be advised that any activity which is financed entirely by the non-federal account (including administrative expenses), should not be reported.

**Please note, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter.** Adequate responses must be received by the Commission on or before the due date noted above to be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act may also result in an enforcement action against the committee. Any response submitted by your committee will be placed on the public record and will be considered by the Commission prior to taking enforcement action. **Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered.**

Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you should have any questions regarding this matter or wish to verify the adequacy of your response, please contact me on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or my local number (202) 694-1164.

Sincerely,



Nicole Miller

Campaign Finance Analyst  
Reports Analysis Division